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Anger flares in capital protests as police clash with marchers

COMMENTARY

American racism is on display with police response

BY PAUL WILLIS
Special to The Bee

"I think America must see that riots do not develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots. But in the final analysis, a riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it that America has failed to hear?"
– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 'The Other America,' April 14, 1967, Stanford

These words resonate as strongly today as they did over 50 years ago.

The conditions have remained the same, if not worsened. With a backdrop of a global pandemic, it seems world economies can be shut down but not racism. Our nation is nearing a tipping point, and we do not have unified leadership about how to move forward.

One could imagine that protests of police violence, and how these incidents represent a violation of the

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Protesters flee CHP officers after tensions mounted Saturday when they tried to charge the freeway at the Fifth Street exit of Interstate 80 in West Sacramento. Protests and riots erupted around the country after the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis cop.

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Protesters march to the plaza in front of Golden 1 Center, where they stopped for a brief rally Saturday.

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Protesters took to the streets of Sacramento for a second straight day Saturday, smashing the doors to the jailhouse, occasionally pelting law enforcement officers with water bottles, oranges and other objects in a daylong demonstration against the death of an unarmed black man at the hands of police in Minneapolis.

As evening approached, protesters were smashing office windows around the Capitol and the situation appeared to be rapidly deteriorating. Some demonstrators swarmed an apparent counter-protester at the Capitol and bloodied his face before he got away.

The protests brought another day of tension to the city and elicited painful reminders of the demonstrations that erupted after police in Sacramento killed a black man in 2018.

At least 1,000 demonstrators participated in the protest, which began at the Capitol, wound its way past Golden 1 Center and

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Jasmine Fallstich, center, raises her hands up with other protesters Friday night in front of police in Oakland. Demonstrators amassed across the country in a showing of anger over George Floyd's death.

Cities call in troops as unrest sweeps US

BY AARON MORRISON AND SEAN MURPHY
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Protesters set police cars ablaze, smashed businesses' windows and skirmished with baton-wielding officers in streets from Atlanta to Los Angeles, as anger over George Floyd's death spread across the country. Authorities were bracing for more violence Saturday, with some calling in the National Guard to beef up overwhelmed forces.

In Minneapolis, the city where Floyd died Monday after a white police officer pressed a knee into his neck and kept it there for more than eight minutes, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz fully mobilized the state's National Guard and promised a massive show of force to help quell unrest that has grown increasingly destructive.

"The situation in Minneapolis is no longer in any way about the murder of George Floyd," Walz said. "It is about attacking civil society, instilling fear and disrupting our great cities."

The Pentagon said on Saturday it was ready to provide military help to authorities in Minneapolis, but Walz had not yet requested federal troops.

Jonathan Rath Hoffman, the chief Pentagon spokesman, said several military units had been placed on higher alert "as a prudent planning measure" in case Walz asks for help.

On Saturday, after a tumultuous night, racially diverse crowds took to the streets again for peaceful protests in dozens

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